

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim ¹/₁ (currently amended): A method for facilitating implementation of an automated system for transacting business, the system having a plurality of users, the users being subject to predetermined rules governing business conduct, the method comprising the steps of:

- assigning a user identifier to each user of the system;
 - preparing a security profile corresponding to each identifier, each security profile including a set of authorized transactions;
 - preparing a list of pairs of incompatible transactions if performed by the same user in accordance with said predetermined rules;
 - comparing each security profile with said list, to identify security profiles including at least one pair of incompatible transactions; and
 - generating a report indicating those security profiles which include incompatible transactions and the user identifiers associated with those security profiles,
- wherein said comparing step and said generating step are automated.

Claim ²/₂ (currently amended): A method according to claim ¹/₁, further comprising the steps of:

- after said preparing steps, storing the security profiles and the list of pairs of incompatible transactions in a computer-readable storage medium; and
- retrieving the security profiles and the list of pairs of incompatible transactions from the computer-readable storage medium,

wherein said storing comparing step and said retrieving generating step are automated.

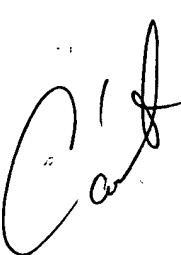
Claim ³/₃ (original): A method according to claim ¹/₁, further comprising the steps of:

- modifying at least one of
 - (a) a security profile including a pair of incompatible transactions, and
 - (b) said list of pairs of incompatible transactions, so that said security profile

after modification does not include a pair of incompatible transactions; and

generating a report indicating the modification made in said modifying step.

Claims 4-6 (cancelled)

 Claim ⁴7 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium having stored therein instructions for performing a an automated method for facilitating implementation of an automated system for transacting business, the system having a plurality of users each having a user identifier, the users being subject to predetermined rules governing business conduct, the method comprising the steps of:

retrieving a security profile associated with each user identifier, the security profile including a set of authorized transactions;

retrieving a list of pairs of incompatible transactions if performed by the same user, where said list is prepared in accordance with said predetermined rules;

comparing each security profile with said list, to identify security profiles including at least one pair of incompatible transactions; and

generating a report indicating those security profiles which include incompatible transactions and the user identifiers associated with those security profiles

Claim 8 (cancelled)
